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# Instructions

## Divorce - No Minor Children

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### Answer & Counterclaim

#### Caption

In the caption of the **Petition**, print your full name (first name, middle initial and last name) above the word **RESPONDENT**. Your spouse is the **PETITIONER**. Print your spouse's full name above the word **PETITIONER**. Call the Child Support Division at (262) 548-7420 to determine if the State of Wisconsin is a party to this case. The State is a party if either you or your spouse has ever received or applied for public assistance. Mark only one box with an **X** to report if the State is a party to the case or not.

Print the **case number** assigned to this action, located on the **Petition**, and mark with an **X** if this action is a **Divorce** or **Legal Separation**.

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#### Document

##### Section I. Answer

The Answer section of this form gives you, the **RESPONDENT**, a chance to respond to your spouse's answers on the **Petition**. For each paragraph you are given a chance to deny, admit, or claim that the knowledge or information you have is not sufficient to form a belief about its accuracy. Read the **Petition** carefully and mark with an **X** on the corresponding question of the Answer only one response to each paragraph numbered I.1-11

##### Section II. Counterclaim

The Counterclaim indicates what you are requesting of the court. **Note:** If you request something in A or B, it does not necessarily mean that you have to make that same request at the time of trial or in final settlement negotiations.

##### Section A

Mark the type of action you are requesting from the court, divorce or legal separation. If you are requesting a Legal Separation, you must explain why.

##### Section B

Mark all that you are requesting of the court in Section B.

After you have completed the **Answer & Counterclaim**, date, sign, and make four copies (5 if the State is a party).